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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

The reason I am writing to you is to ask that you make certain the settlement that was reached recently between the Justice Department and Microsoft is concluded. I am concerned that anti-Microsoft groups may try to harm the settlement process.

The Justice Department and Microsoft want to settle this case. Antagonists of the settlement contend that this agreement is hard enough on Microsoft. However, considering this settlement makes Microsoft share more information with competing software firms than ever before proves these contentions are wrong. This settlement discloses Microsoft's internal interfaces, which is a major concession and unprecedented. Also, Microsoft has agreed to share its secrets of server interoperability. With these two disclosures, Microsoft will be creating more competitiveness in the IT industry. Opponents of the settlement don't seem to be concerned with this; they appear to have more concern with punishing Microsoft.

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I appreciate you taking time to consider my views on this issue. I urge you to settle this case as has been planned.

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Sincerely,

Richard Lamb